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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 50/121 of 20 December 1995, 51/188 of 16 December 1996, 52/206 of 18 December 1997, 53/195 of 15 December 1998, 54/229 of 22 December 1999, 55/208 of 20 December 2000 and 56/208 of 21 December 2001,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General[1] and the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,[2]

Expressing its appreciation to the Governments and private institutions that have made or pledged financial and other contributions to the Institute,

Noting with concern that contributions to the General Fund have not increased while the participation of the developed countries in training programmes in New York and Geneva is increasing,

Noting that the Institute receives no subsidy from the United Nations regular budget and that it provides training programmes to all Member States free of charge,

Reiterating the need to accord training activities a more visible and larger role in support of the management of international affairs and in the execution of the economic and social development programmes of the United Nations system,

1. *Reaffirms* the relevance of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in view of the growing importance of training within the United Nations

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] A/57/479.

[2] A/57/14; the final version will be issued as *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 14* (A/57/14).

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and the training requirements of States and the relevance of the training-related research activities undertaken by the Institute within its mandate;

2. *Stresses* the need for the Institute to strengthen further its cooperation with other United Nations institutes and relevant national, regional and international institutes;

3. *Welcomes* the progress made in building partnerships between the Institute and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system with respect to their training programmes, and in this context underlines the need to develop further and to expand the scope of those partnerships, in particular at the country level;

4. *Renews its appeal* to all Governments, in particular those of developed countries, and to private institutions that have not yet contributed financially or otherwise to the Institute, to give it their generous financial and other support, and urges the States that have interrupted their voluntary contributions to consider resuming them in view of the successful restructuring and revitalization of the Institute;

5. *Stresses* the limited capacity of the Institute to pay its rental rates and administrative costs as a result of decreased funding, as well as the need to ensure that the Institute is treated in a manner similar to the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development;

6. *Decides* that in order for the Institute to play effectively its role in training and research activities, the United Nations will assume the rental and maintenance cost burden of the Institute;

7. *Decides also* that the general administrative, personnel and financial services of the United Nations shall be utilized by the Institute on conditions determined in consultation between the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the Institute, it being understood that the space occupied by the Institute is provided by the United Nations free of rent and maintenance charges;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to it at its fifty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.